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TO AMEMBASSY NASSAU IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:PLOS, PBOR, BF, US

SUBJECT:200 MILE LIMIT FOR FISHERIES ZONE BOUNDARIES

REF: NASSAU 215

1. IN COURSE OF FURTHER EXCHANGE HERE, BAHAMIAN  
AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ASKED FOR A LETTER CONFIRMING HIS  
CONVERSATIONS WITH US (STATE 33306). FOLLOWING (PARA 2  
BELOW) IS TEXT OF OUR RESPONSE TO JOHNSON'S REQUEST.  
YOU MAY WISH TO USE SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN YOUR PRO-  
POSED LETTER TO ADDERLEY. IN ANY EVENT, YOU SHOULD  
AVOID STATEMENT THAT INDICATES OUR DISCUSSIONS  
WILL BE LIMITED STRICTLY TO U.S. ACTIONS. INEVITABLY,  
WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE ON BAHAMIAN ACTIONS  
AS WELL.

2. TEXT OF LETTER:

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QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

IN LINE WITH OUR SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS IN RECENT DAYS,  
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS  
PREPARED TO SEND TO NASSAU A TEAM OF EXPERTS LED BY

MR. MARK B. FELDMAN, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER, AND AMBASSADOR

ROZANNE RIDGWAY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OCEANS,  
ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE, TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT UNITED STATES  
INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ENFORCEMENT IN AREAS  
OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA OF THE UNITED STATES' 200  
MILE FISHERIES ZONE WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT ON MARCH 1,  
1977. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO  
RECEIVE THE VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND HOPE FOR A  
USEFUL EXCHANGE ON THESE MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

IN LIGHT OF THE CONCERN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED TO ME, I  
WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU AGAIN THAT OUR SUGGESTION  
FOR CONSULTATION AT THIS TIME IS OCCASIONED ONLY BY  
THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LEGISLATION AND MATTERS  
RELATED TO DELIMITATION PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. MR.  
FELDMAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MARITIME BOUNDARY ISSUES,  
INCLUDING THE DELIMITATION OF U.S. FISHERIES JURIS-  
DICTION. AMB RIDGWAY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FISHERIES  
MATTERS AND WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT  
RECREATIONAL FISHING AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING OUT  
OF THE EXTENSION OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION.

IF YOUR GOVERNMENT IS AGREEABLE TO RECEIVING THE U.S.  
TEAM, IT WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO NASSAU FOR DISCUSSIONS  
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE PRO-  
POSED VISIT AND THE SUITABILITY OF THE SUGGESTED DATE.

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UNQUOTE. END TEXT.  
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